

# White City Newsletter

## **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

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White City Community Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Eastmont Middle School, 10100 S. 1300 E. Room #105; Sandy, UT Meetings are Open to the Public.



### **Township Logo Winner**

Josh stated "The Mountain is actually a woodcut-style version of Lone Peak, and the dark trees represent the valley created by Dimple Dell."

### **White City Township Fall Clean Up**

Do you still have more trash than you were able to dispose of in the county dumpsters?

Rent-A-Dumpster Program Salt Lake County will deliver a dumpster to your property. They allow 2 days for you to load, and then they take it all away!

*\$20 for Green Waste Dumpsters*

*\$30+ tonnage fee for Trash Dumpsters*

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*Salt Lake Sanitation Office*

*7125 South 600 West, Midvale*

*Call 562-6435*

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**Anita Nelson**

Salt Lake County Code and Zoning Enforcement

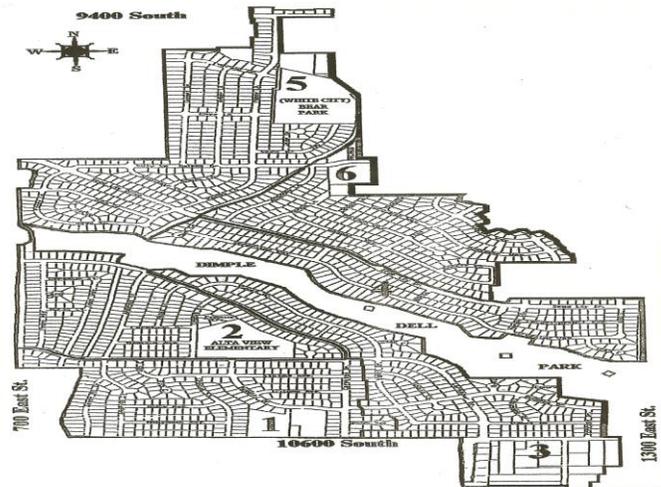
(801) 381-3359 [anelson@slco.org](mailto:anelson@slco.org)

For additional complaints contact Laurie Nish at 468-2176

### **2007 White City Council Elections November 6<sup>th</sup> 2007**

Precincts 4750, 4754, & 4666 will cast their ballots at Altaview Ele. School – 10333 Crocus (865 E.)

Precincts 4722 & 4740 will cast their ballots at Eastmont Middle School – 10100 S. 1300 E. Districts 1, 3, 5, and 2 At Large seats are up for election. (see map)



The election officer is Art Kimball 541-4174. His assistants are: Don Patocka 548-4420, Paul Smith 571-4590, and James Dixon 599-6007.

The election officer may receive your applications until October 18, 2007, which is as per our bylaws the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Salt Lake County Council this past spring provided our community councils the opportunity to hire a liason to represent the community councils at various meetings of the county, state and neighborhood levels. Many of the community volunteer council members also hold full time jobs. This made it difficult to coordinate efforts at various county meetings. White City, Magna, Kearns, and Copperton met and interviewed applicants for the position. We hired Greg Schultz to represent our councils. He has done an exceptional job in keeping us informed. He attends our monthly meeting of the council to report on the issues we have assigned to him.

### Greg In A Box

#### The Facts According To Greg:

It has been a very busy time getting to know the White City Community. I really enjoy the passion you bring to the table on the issues you feel are important; and find it gives me the extra energy to help your Community Council fight the good fight. Just so you know what has been going on all summer...

#### The Survey is coming... What will you choose?

During the spring of 2008, you may get a call asking you questions about what type of government you want for White City. Do you stay a part of the unincorporated county; do you request to be annexed by Sandy City; or, would you like to become a city?

In their attempt to find out whether the current township law that protects the boundaries and services of White City should be allowed to continue, the State Legislature mandated the cities and county survey the residents of the unincorporated areas to see what their feelings were on the issue. The legislation was called HB 40.

So you can make an informed choice, you will be receiving information about each of the options, and what are available to the residents of White City. There will be a total of 3 pieces sent, so be sure to take the time to read them. If you have additional questions, there will be an HB 40 link on the county website at slco.org, where you will find additional information and who to contact if you have questions. The contact information will also be on the mailed pieces, as well.

#### The Proposed Jordan School District Split

If you haven't already heard, you are going to be asked to vote on whether you want to divide the Jordan School District into 2 (or maybe even 3) separate school districts. The White City Community Council, in conjunction with the Copperton Community Council,

Kearns Community Council, Magna Community Council and Magna Town Council, oppose the division of the school district under the current law due to the fact the division procedure cannot guarantee our children and their educational opportunities are held harmless. This is also an issue that you need to take the time to become informed before the November election. **If you have questions, or concerns, I can be contacted at 468-2082, or by email at [gschulz@slco.org](mailto:gschulz@slco.org)**

### White City Community Council Members

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**Salt Lake County Sheriff's Info:** We have been working with Salt Lake County Communities to create a Local Sheriff's District to service all the Townships and the remaining Un-incorporated areas of Salt Lake County. This would guarantee us a high level of police service without going through the politics we had to suffer, in previous years. The only people who have been fighting on this have been the wall to wall city folks. This issue will probably be brought to a ballot question in the 2008 General Election Cycle. This Sheriff's District will be better equipt to keep costs down as the future brings more serious requirements. Look for more to come. The White City Community area is fortunate to have a substation right here in White City. *Our great deputies have somewhere to call home in White City.*

**A tentative board make up has been suggested:**

**Sheriffs Local District Board Makeup**

Each Township appoints 1 member.  
The unincorporated areas of the county get 3 elected positions, 1 from each geographical area as listed below.

<u>Townships:</u>	<u>Unincorporated Areas:</u>
1. Copperton	7. Kennecott Land
2. Magna	8. South West Community
3. Kearns	9. Granite, Parleys Canyon,
4. Emigration	Big Cottonwood Canyon,
5. Millcreek	Sandy Hills, Willow Canyon,
6. White City	Little Cottonwood Creek

To be involved and to participate in the study & education process of this issue please contact: Paulina Flint at 571-5257 or at [pbflint@yahoo.com](mailto:pbflint@yahoo.com)

The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Millcreek Precinct provides law enforcement to approximately 140,000 residents, as well as the people who work, shop, and recreate within the community. The Millcreek Precinct area is bordered by Salt Lake City on the north, the City of Taylorsville on the west, unincorporated areas to the south (including White City, Granite, and Willow Canyon) and Summit County on the east.

- [Patrol Operations](#)
- [Community Oriented Policing](#)
- [Investigations](#)
- [2002 Crime Stats](#)

Our deputies also assist the Canyon Patrol units in responding to calls in nearby canyons, which include Emigration, Parley's, Millcreek, and Big & Little Cottonwood Canyons.

Our main concept of Community Oriented Policing is "The Team". This team involves Sheriff's deputies and members of the community that we serve. We are very pro-active with our C.O.P. philosophy by working closely with citizens, business owners, schools and a myriad of other individuals and organizations. We work in conjunction with each other to obtain our goals and objectives in reducing crime and the fear of crime.

**Sandy Suburban Sewer**

**District Elections**

**This year, two positions for a four- year term for Trustee of Sandy Suburban Improvement District will be open for election on November 6, 2007. Requirements for special district board members are as follows:**

- U.S. Citizen at time of filing
- Registered voter
- Resident of the special district
- Non-partisan

We have two residents from the White City Township Area which have filed to be on the Sewer District Board.. They are *Renee Christensen* and *Scott Harrington*. We are proud of their willingness to serve our community.

**To cast your ballot in the Sandy Suburban election you need to visit the district office:**

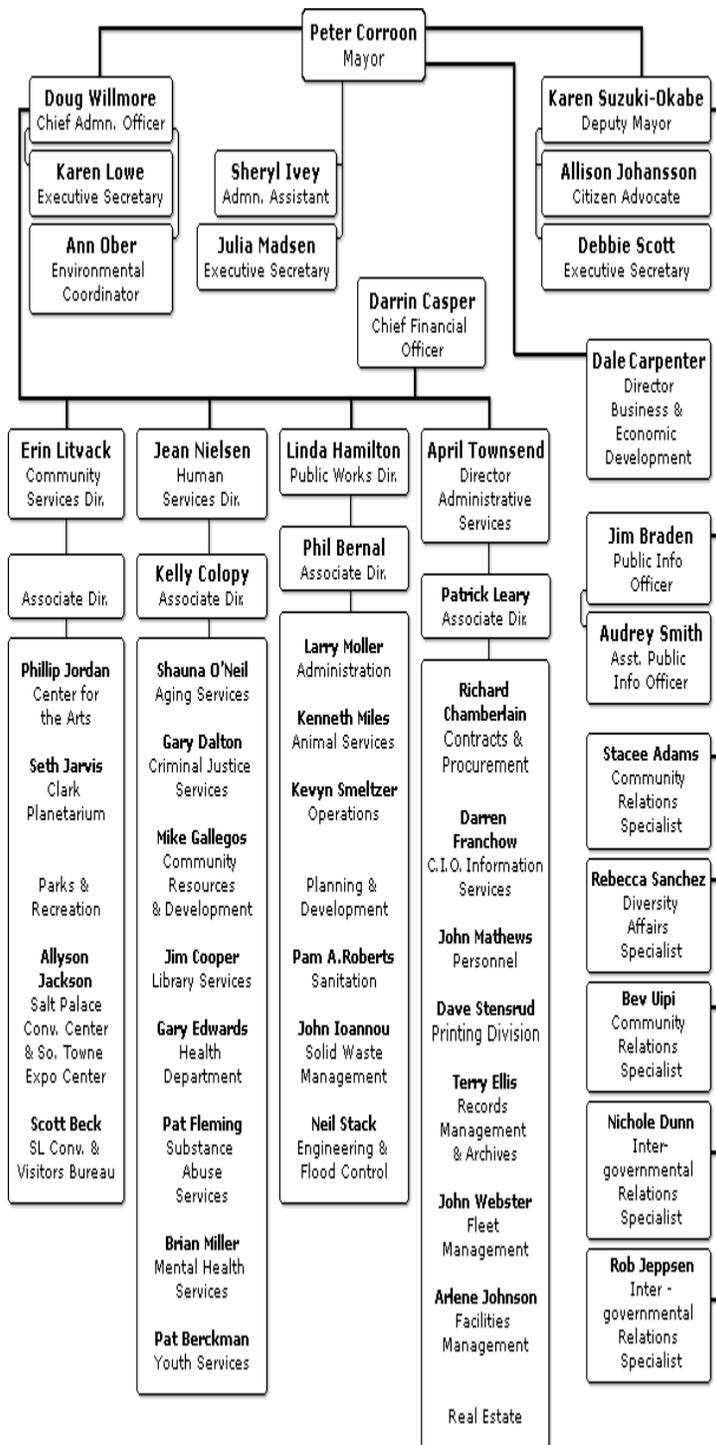
**Sandy Suburban Improvement District**

8855 South 700 West  
Sandy, Utah 84070  
(801) 561-7662

**Voting Times:**

**November 6, 2007 ...7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

# Salt Lake County Mayor's Organization Chart



## History \*White City Township \* Progressive, Just, And Always There For You

White City Community Council was formed as an ADHOC Citizens Committee, in early 1986. It took the citizens of this community 1 and a half years to develop bylaws and to go

through the process of becoming a full fledged council. We held our first election in November of 1988. We were one of the few councils, in Salt Lake County, which held our elections on this great nation's election day. Other councils followed suit to bring uniformity to the process.

We lobbied as citizen volunteers for many years to establish a voice for our community. Countless hours have gone into the preservation of our citizen's right to be informed and heard. Our voices have been counted from Utah State Capital to the chambers of Salt Lake County. Across this State we are known for our tenacity and perseverance. The credibility we have earned will protect the *right of due process* for many years to come. Pat yourselves on the back, because you were there for many of the battles we have faced since 1986. The truth has prevailed. We work together to benefit everyone equally. No issue is too small and no issue is too great.

Periodically we provide you with an update on the structure and personnel of Salt Lake County. The Unincorporated Community Council Association of Salt Lake County came into being, in the 1970's. We have been a member since 1987. In 1990 we had 22 councils which were members of the association. Collectively we have lobbied government for all our needs. Some we have lost but many more have won. We worked together to improve our communities.

It took us 11 years to become a township. Our Administrative government is Salt Lake County. In 2000 Salt Lake County went from a 3 person County Commission form of government to a 9 member part time council with a mayor to handle all the administrative departments.

Above you will find how the administration is structured. This will help you more readily find the department which should be dealing with your concerns. If it is something which requires a change of law the council is responsible for

decisions governing those laws. They also make the final decisions on all budget issues. Community Councils as far as government related issues is concerned, can make recommendations and lobby on your behalf for those issues. Salt Lake County adopted an ordinance recognizing the local community councils as a means of disseminating information to the citizens of Salt Lake County.

In the 1970's, councils grew out of local residents getting together to inform its neighbors of issues arising out of needs. For the purpose of doing business under the ordinance, Salt Lake County established, we do that business in a public meeting. Each of these meetings are recorded and minutes are kept. We are also a registered non-profit corporation. As such, we are independent from the county. We are not an agency of Salt Lake County.

To get involved and study the issues you but have to be willing to volunteer some of your precious time. Everyone is welcome to share the opportunity to serve your community.

**To volunteer contact any of your council members which have been listed in the newsletter.**

***“Join a friend, and come out to play.”***

### **Jordan School District Split**

*Please be watching out for the School District Split Issue to be on the ballot also. We may have to go vote on this very important issue. Even though it is not an election year for us we have the opportunity to vote on some very important issues this year. Every vote counts!*

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### **Suit filed over Jordan district-split vote**

Herriman, individuals call situation unconstitutional

**By Jennifer Toomer-Cook and Catherine Smith**

Deseret Morning News

Published: Sept. 26, 2007 12:19 a.m. MDT

Herriman city and individual voters on the west side of Jordan School District have filed a federal lawsuit claiming their lack of a vote in a proposed school district split this November violates their constitutional rights.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court Monday and assigned to Judge Ted Stewart, claims a school district split election will nullify the west side's votes to elect school board members, deprive them of a voice in whether to create a new school board and subject them to "disastrous taxation and economic burdens" without their say, in violation of the First Amendment and the 14th Amendment.

"No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live," the lawsuit states. "The United States Constitution leaves no room for exclusion of people in a way that changes that right."

The lawsuit, which names Salt Lake County Clerk Sherrie Swensen and Lt. Gov. Gary Herbert as defendants, seeks to overturn state law on creating smaller school districts and halt the November election unless Jordan District's west-siders can vote.

Jerry Walker, a Herriman city councilman, said the city filed the lawsuit because the west side has given a lot to the east and they don't want to be left out.

"The bottom line is, this is my opinion, the people on the west side of the Jordan River built all the schools and facilities on the east side," he said. "We contributed to every one of those. I think it's time for the east side to step up and do the same thing for the west side."

The constitutional question was raised last spring by five west-side mayors, whose cities may have to raise taxes to make ends meet should tax-base-heavy Sandy, Draper, Midvale, Cottonwood Heights and Alta form their own east-side school district. The Jordan Board of Education also sought a legal opinion in the matter from Blake T. Ostler — one of the attorneys in this lawsuit.

But Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff has said the law likely would withstand a challenge, and Brigham Young University law professor Frederick Mark Gedicks has penned an opinion that the law is constitutionally sound.

"The Legislature determined that self-determination was more important than majority rule, and that was consistent with case law," said Cottonwood Heights Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, a leader in the movement to secede from the state's largest school district.

"It becomes an ironic situation, where the people who do not have the right to vote right now feel their rights are being violated ... but what about the people who want to split, who are being prevented from doing it and being indentured by a majority saying,

you can't do it because we need your tax money? It's a two-edged sword."

State law sets up a few ways to go about creating smaller school districts, with different voting rules. For instance, if citizens or a school district petition for a split, then everyone in the existing school district can vote. But if cities seek the split, then only voters in the proposed new school district can go to the polls.

The lawsuit claims the difference is irrational and results in an uprooted school board — including representatives elected by the west side to represent the west side — without a say of all those affected. A feasibility study, examining financial implications of a split, also states the split will require tax increases for the west side, without its say.

The lawsuit also claims magnet educational programs for students with disabilities could become a casualty of a district split, violating those students' rights to a free and appropriate public education.

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## **“To Be Or Not To Be?”**

### **That is the question.**

*2010 Township Decisions have to be made. The following brief, is from Salt Lake County on the process leading to a decision.*

*Included in the newsletter you will find page 69 from the Wixstorm Feasability Study done by Salt Lake County. You will find it on page 8. To review the whole study you can go to*

*The Salt Lake County home page at: [www.slco.org](http://www.slco.org) to see the complete study.*

## **A proactive and quantitative approach to assessing the desires of Salt Lake County Township residents**

**In 1995, the Utah State Legislature created the Township Provision** which allowed areas of unincorporated Salt Lake County to form townships. Since the provision was enacted, the purpose and makeup of the townships has been debated and revised.

**In 2005, the sunset provision** relating to townships in counties of the first class was extended to 2010. Due to the ongoing debate regarding townships, legislative intent was included in the Township bill, known as House Bill 40 or HB40. The legislative intent was included to insure that Salt Lake County, and the cities residing within and adjacent to the townships, work together to determine the desire of the residents and property owners within the townships.

**The Legislature** wants to determine how the townships residents feel about annexation, incorporation, or remaining in the unincorporated area of the County. The Legislature also wants a plan to be developed and acted upon to implement the will of the township residents. In order to achieve the Legislative intent, Salt Lake County and the Utah League of Cities and Towns have proposed a two year process to develop, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive survey of township residents.

**The goal of this survey** is to develop objective and reliable data to best formulate public policy decisions regarding townships in Salt Lake County.

[City Township Survey Collaboration Process Overview](#), May 2007 (227kb ppt) Proposed Process for Complying with H.B. 40 Legislative Intent

**October 2006 Initial Stakeholders Summit** to identify the components the survey must include to meet legislative intent and to meet city and county needs, this will include developing a joint process for reviewing and implementing the results of the survey.

The Stakeholders Summit will be organized jointly by the Salt Lake County Mayors Office, Salt Lake County Council, Community Councils and League of Cities and Towns and any interested cities.

### **September - January 2007**

Creation of

MOU/inter-local/agreements

### **January - June 2007**

Prepare draft RFP for consultant

### **June 2007**

Present draft RFP to stakeholder for approval

### **August - November 2007**

RFP released/consultant chosen

### **November 2007**

Second Stakeholders Summit with consultant regarding survey content

### **April 2008**

Survey completed

### **May 2008**

Stakeholder Summit to discuss results of survey

### **July 1, 2008**

Presentation to the State Legislature

## **White Towers Swimming Club**

We had a great year at White Towers! Thank you to the countless volunteers who help to make this pool such a wonderful community asset. We are sad to see the year come to an end, but we'll be back in 2008 with more fun the sun.

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